A.—(*a*) The following municipalities and district boards have nominated lady members. The Government have no information in regard to taluk boards and union boards.

Municipalities.	*Municipalities*--cont.	*District Boards.*
1. Anantapur.	8. Cannanore.	1. Chittoor.
2. Vellore.	9. Nellore.	2. Cuddapah.
3. Saidapet.	10. Tanjore.	3. Malabar.
4. Rajahmundry.	11. Vizagapatam.	4. Trichinopoly.
5. Guntur.	12. Vizianagram.	
6. Madura.	13. Tinnevelly.	
7. Kodaikanal.		

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—"Arising out of the answer given to clause (*a*), may I ask whether in the case of district boards excepting the four that have been given in the answer the rest were not able to find suitable candidates for nomination as lady members ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, wherever the Government are informed that there are suitable candidates they have appointed lady members. Where suitable candidates are not available, they are not appointed."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Will the Government consider the advisability of making a fuller inquiry before satisfying themselves that suitable candidates are not available ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, they are doing that as far as possible."

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—" Arising out of the same answer, viz., 'the Government have no information', may I ask whether they will be pleased to call for the same ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I do not think that the question arises from the answer given."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—" As regords the answer given to clause (*b*) of this question, will the Government be pleased to consider the advisability of instructing the presidents of district boards to nominate ladies as members of local bodies ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I have answered the question already."

Nominations to Salem District Board.

* 218 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many members of the depressed classes are there on the district board of Salem appointed by the Government ;

(*b*) when the period of nomination of the present depressed classes member on this Board will expire ;

(*c*) if the period has already expired, whether the same depressed classes member was re-nominated or another depressed classes member was nominated ;

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(*d*) how many members belonging to Devanga or Chetti community were duly elected during the last period to the Salem District Board ;

(*e*) how many members belonging to the said Devanga or Chetti community were already appointed by Government to the Salem District Board ; and

(*f*) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (*a*), (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), whether they will be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—(*a*), (*d*) & (*e*) A list [a] of members of the Salem District Board is laid on the table.

(*b*) The term of M.R.Ry. V. Varadayya Avargal will expire on 15th July 1927.

(*c*) The question does not arise.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" How is it that so many gentlemen belonging to the Devanga community have been nominated in such a large number so as to attract the attention of the vigilant member my hon. Friend Mr. Veerian ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" These nominations are made on the recommendation of the presidents of district boards and collectors in the case of district boards and municipalities respectively."

Constitution of Singanallur union board.

* 219 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Naickers (non-Brahman touchable community) were duly elected recently to the Singanallur union board, Coimbatore taluk ;

(*b*) how many Brahmans were duly elected recently to the same board ;

(*c*) the communities or classes that were duly represented by nomination to this board by the President, Coimbatore taluk board ; and

(*d*) if the Government have no information with reference to clauses (*a*) to (*c*), whether they will be pleased to call for the information ?

A.—A list [b] of members of the Singanallur union board is laid on the table.

Alleged obstruction to depressed classes in the Agraharam streets in Watrap.

* 220 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether, with reference to question No. 1243 answered on 18th November 1924, the obstruction caused by the residents of Watrap Union Board Agraharam streets to the depressed classes in not allowing them to pass through the Agraharam streets in the Watrap village has been completely put an end to ; and

(*b*) whether the announcement of the Government Order passed on the 25th August 1924 to the effect that all classes of people have free access to public roads, wells, tanks, etc., has been made by beat of tom-tom throughout the union board ?

a Printed as Appendix V on pages 398–399 infra. b Printed as Appendix VI on page 400 infra.